

## Message Text

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INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 HA-05 SS-15 SSO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00  
NSAE-00 NSCE-00 ICAE-00 INRE-00 PM-05 H-01 INR-10  
L-03 PA-01 SP-02 /055 R

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HA/OJONES (DRAFT)  
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-----048383 072254Z /75  
O 072230Z APR 78  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY MANILA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, RP

SUBJECT: ELECTIONS - PRESS GUIDANCE

1. FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE HAS BEEN PREPARED. SUBJECT OF  
ELECTIONS DID NOT COME UP AT APRIL 7 NOON BRIEFING.

2. QUESTION: WHAT IS THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEW OF THE ELECTION  
RESULTS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND DO YOU AGREE WITH THE  
CHARGES BY OPPOSITION CANDIDATES THAT THE ELECTION WAS  
RIGGED? ANSWER: WE ARE DEEPLY INTERESTED THAT ELECTIONS  
IN ANY COUNTRY PROVIDE AS FREE AN EXPRESSION OF POLITICAL  
WILL AS POSSIBLE. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS WELCOMED THE  
DECISION OF PRESIDENT MARCOS TO HOLD THIS ELECTION, THE  
FIRST IN THE PHILIPPINES SINCE 1972, AS A STEP TOWARD THE  
EVENTUAL RESTORATION OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT. ANY  
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FURTHER QUESTIONS: ANSWER: I AM NOT GOING TO COMMENT  
FURTHER.  
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## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** INSTRUCTIONS, LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS, THE PRESS  
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**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
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**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
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**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
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**Disposition History:** n/a  
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**Disposition Remarks:**  
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